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1. Excavators of Czechoslovak manufacture in use on the Danube-Black Sea Canal project are of such poor quality that after three months work they are continuously under repair.
2. Excavators of Soviet manufacture that operate on electric power are not yet in use as the power plant has not been installed. Soviet excavation work at the canal project is done by second-hand draglines, including P & H equipment sold to Rumanian customers before the war. Most of the earthmoving is done by the manual labor of prisoners employed on the project.
3. The Rumanian State Railroads (CFR) handles its own earthmoving. This work is reportedly done efficiently.
4. Some spare parts for Caterpillar tractors have been received from the United Kingdom, but pumps, injectors, cylinder heads and rolls could not be obtained from British vendors.

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